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SUBJECT:NAMIBIA: POSSIBLE SAG DEMAND FOR COMPENSATION FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURES

REF: USUN 3125

1. THE LEGAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF SAG
REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURES IN
NAMIBIA ARE AS COMPLEX AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTEL. IN ABSENCE
OF DEFINITIVE FINDINGS ON THIS QUESTION, YOU SHOULD SAY THE
FOLLOWING IF ISSUE IS RAISED BY SAG:

--IT IS EXPECTED THAT SAG WOULD TAKE NO ACTION THAT WOULD
PREJUDICE THE ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC/SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF A
POST-INDEPENDENCE NAMIBIA, AND WOULD ACT IN THE BEST ECON-
OMIC AND SOCIAL INTERESTS OF THE POPULATION OF THE TERRITORY;

--IN THIS REGARD, SAG WILL APPRECIATE FACT THAT NAMIBIA'S

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CONTINUED ECONOMIC VIABILITY AFTER INDEPENDENCE IS IN SAG'S
OWN BEST INTERESTS. THE DISMANTLING OF NAMIBIA'S INFRA-
STRUCTURE OR THE DEMAND FOR COMPENSATION COULD SERIOUSLY
COMPROMISE NAMIBIA'S ECONOMIC POTENTIAL;

--SAG SHOULD ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT ITS COOPERATION IN
ACHIEVING AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT TO THE
NAMIBIA QUESTION WILL BE UNDERSTOOD BY THE INTERNATIONAL

COMMUNITY AS A CONSTRUCTIVE ACT ON ITS PART, AN ADVANTAGE

TO THE SAG WHICH WOULD BE UNDERMINED SHOULD IT SEEK TO
EXTRACT ANY COMPENSATION FROM NAMIBIA.

2. CONTACT GROUP MIGHT ADD THAT, INSTEAD OF THINKING IN
TERMS OF COMPENSATION, SAG SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT PROGRAMS
OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IT MIGHT UNDERTAKE
WITH RESPECT TO NAMIBIA WHICH WOULD ENHANCE THAT COUNTRY'S
ECONOMIC PROSPECTS AND HELP CEMENT A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP. VANCE

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